

I. Amendments

A. Specification

Please amend the first paragraph on page 1, lines 3-4 as follows. A marked-up version of this paragraph is attached at the end of this amendment.

A1
- -This application is a continuation application of the parent application serial no. 09/537,748, filed 03/30/00 and is currently pending.- -

Please amend the last paragraph on page 13, lines 11-18 as follows. A marked-up version of this portion of the specification is attached at the end of this amendment:

A2
- -The dielectric 40 may be an epoxy resin, polyester, polyamide, polyethylene, cross-linked polyethylene, PTFE (polytetrafluoroethylene) and PFA (polyperflouroalkoxyethylene or pheno-formaldehyde) sold under the trademark Teflon by Dupont, rubber, EPR (ethylene propylene rubber), ABS (acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene), polyacetal, polycarbonate, PMMA (poly methyl methacrylate), polyphenylene sulphone, PPS (polyphenylene sulphide), PSU (polysulphone), polysulfone, polyetherimid PEI (polyetherimide), PEEK (polyetheretherketone), and the like. As discussed in greater detail with respect to Fig. 8, the dielectric material 40 may also coat the particles 42. The magnetic particles 42 may be formed of iron, amorphous iron